GPRS in Tamil Nadu

4509. SHRI R. SHUNMUGASUNDARAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of non-metro cities that are covered under the General Packet Radio Service (GPRS) in Tamil Nadu;

(b) the names of those cities or towns; and

(c) how many more areas would be coded to the above list this year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) is providing GPRS in 302 cities/towns in Tamil Nadu Telecom Circle Service Area, which does not include Chennai Metro Service Area.

(b) The names of the cities/towns by BSNL with GPRS are given in the Statement (*See* below)

(c) BSNL further proposes to extend the mobile coverage with GPRS up to Block Headquarter level subject to business and commercial viability.

Statement

Cities/Towns Covered by GPRS in Tn Circle

Acharapakkam	Cheyyur	Hosur	Kavindapadi	Kuzhithurai	Nambiyur
Adiramapattinam	Chidambaram	Hayangudi	Kayalpatnam	Madhukarai	Nanguneri
Aduthurai	Chinnasalem	Jagadevi	Kayathar	Madhukkur	Nannilam
Alangulam	Coimbatore	Kadaladi	Kazhugumalai	Madhuran-thagam	Nathampatti
Ambasamudram	Colachel	Kadayam	Keelakarai	Madurai	Natrampalli
Ambur	Coonoor	Kadayanallur	Kelamangalam	Mallipattinam	Nedumaram
Ammapettai	Cuddalore	Kalakadu	Kilianur	Manamadurai	Needamangalam
Aragandanallur	Daivachayala-puram	Kalapet	Kilpennathur	Mandapam	Nellikuppam
Arakkonam	Dalavaipuram	Kalayarkovil	Kilvelur	Mannargudi	Neyveli
Aralvaimozhi	Dalmiya Nagar	Kallakurichy	Kinathukadavu	Marakanam	Omallur
Aruppukotai	Devakkotai	Kalpakkam	Kodai	Marandahalli	Ooty
Avalpoondurai	Devipattinam	Kammandoddi	Kodavasal	Marthandam	Ottapidaram
Avanam	Dharasuram	Kancheepuram	Kodumudi	Massinagudi	P. Puliampatti
Avanashi	Dharmapuri	Kanchikoil	Kollencode	Mathur	Painkulum

Ayyampettai	Dindigul	Kangayam	Koradachen	Mattampatti	Pallathur
Azhagankulam	Elaiyaramp	Kannaman-galam	Kothagiri	Mayiladuthurai	Pallikonda
Banawaram	Eppodum Vendran	Kanyakumari	Kothagiri	Mayiladuthurai	Pallikonda
Bargur	Eral	Karaikal	Koviladi	Melramanputhur	Panagudi
Bhagalur	Eravancheri	Karaikudi	Kovilpatty	Mettupalayam	Pandalkudi
Bhawani	Erode	Kraimadai	Krishnagiri	Modakurichi	Panruti
Peraurani	Sankarapuram	Thirukuvalai	Uthiramerur	Walajapet	
Perichipalayam	Saravanapatty	Thirunageswaram	Uthukkottai	Wandiwash	
Pernampet	Sathankulam	Thirunallar	V K Pudhur	Watrap	
Perumanallur	Sathyamangalam	Thirunelveli	V Koil	Yercaud	
Perundurai	Sattur	Thirupanandal	V Natham		
PK Padi	Sayalkudi	Thiruppathur	Vadalur		
Pochampalli	Sembanarkoil	Thirupuvanam	Vaduvur		
Podathurpet	Sengipatti	Thirupuvadani	Valangaiman		
Pollachi	Shengottai	Thiruvaiyaru	Vallam		
Polur	Singampunari	Thiruvalankkadu	Vallam		
Pondy	Singarapettai	Thiruvannamalai	Vallanadu		
Ponneri	Sivaganga	Thiruvarur	Vallioor		
Poondi	Sivagiri	Thiruvattar	Vaniyambadi		
Port Onova	Sivakasi	Thiruvellore	Vasudevanallur		
Pukkathurai	SP Koil	Thiruvengadu	Veeracholan		
Puliangudi	Sriperumbudur	Thiruvettipuram	Veeraganur		
Ragunathapuram	Srivilliputhur	Thisayanvilai	Velanganni		
Rajan Nagar	Sulagiri	Thyagadurgam	Vellakoil		
Rajapalayam	Sunguvarchatram	Tindivanam	Vellore		
Ramanatham	Surandai	Tiruchendhur	Vembar		
Rameshwaram	Swamimalai	Tiruppur	Veppur		
Ramnad	Takkalai	Tiruthani	VG Patty		
Ranipet	Tanjore	Tittakudi	Vijaymangalam		
Rasipuram	Tenkasi	Trichy	Vikramasingapuram		
Rayakkotai	Tharangambadi	Tuticorin	Vikravandi		
RR Nagar	Thekkalur	Udankudi	Villupuram		
RS Mangalam	Thiruchitrambalam	Udumalaipet	Virudhachalam		
Salem	Thirukalukundram	Ulundurpettai	Virudhunagar		
Samayapuram	Thirukattupalli	Uppidamangalam	VThangal		
Sankarancoil	Thirukoilur	Uthangarai			

Increase of Commission of PCO Owners

4510. SHRI K. B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state: